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# Young Men's Christian Association.

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## WE THANK YOU ALL.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary (the best in the State) has furnished the reading room nicely, placing shades, a nice carpet, rug and mat, and repairing rosewood bookcase; also adding six chairs for the parlor and cornices for curtains. Judge and Mrs. Reade donated carpet, chairs, table and brackets for parlor. Mrs. R. W. Blake sent five lace curtains; Mrs. Judge Smith, reading table, corner whatnot, and large framed photograph; Mrs. J. M. Heck, large mirror; Mrs. Harding, handsome vase; Mrs. Sherwood, framed lithograph; Mr. F. A. Watson, portrait of Longfellow; Mrs. Rosenthal, lambrequin; Mr. Max Schwan, pair of vases; Mrs. Purnell, hanging shelves; A. Williams & Co., nice inkstand and pens; Mrs. J. M. Pool, water pitcher, tumblers and waiter, 11 Atwater paper files and rack; Mr. Stan. Wynne, carpet for Secretary's office, &c. Some may be omitted. Thanks are returned to all these kind friends. They add very much to the beauty, comfort and convenience of our rooms, and our fellows appreciate the gifts. Some kind of matting on the gymnasium floor and some tumbling pads or mattresses would be most useful and appreciated, and lessen the necessary noise. The unnecessary noise the fellows themselves will lessen.

Our work is for young men.

Pray for him and uphold him.

Rooms open from 9 a. m. daily to 10 p. m.  
Drop in.

Twelve applications on hand for election to membership.

We need about 50 Gospel Hymn Books *with notes*, and about 25 or 50 Bibles.

Attendance on business meetings has increased 100 per cent. since coming into new rooms.

Twenty-five young men (average) present every night and use the gymnasium mainly.

The General Secretary does not do the work of the Association, but sees that everything is kept going.

The General Secretary is a local officer engaged wholly by our Association, with peculiar duties and responsibilities.

Our membership is 112 active and 36 associate members. An increase of 50 per cent. since getting into new rooms.

Business men's noon-day prayer meeting, 12 to 12.15, has increased in interest and attendance. You are asked to come up.

Many of our citizens saw the rooms that night for the first time, and were struck with their beauty, comfort and convenience.

The work by committees goes on just the same and a good General Secretary organizes and sets to work all the forces of the Association.

Three young men, *en route* to Durham, active members of Morristown, N. J., Association, added to the entertainment in a vocal trio.

An organ has also been added, and Cooper and Betts have helped us with it in the singing very much. So you see we are getting organ-ized.

At April meeting on the 12th, Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor *State Chronicle*, was unanimously chosen President, and entered at once on his duties.

The boys say they must give the next one, and are organizing for some vocal quartettes and orchestral pieces. Our fellows can't be outdone in music.

We have the use now for a month of one of J. L. Stone's good pianos, and our rooms oft resound with sweet sounds, and some, too, that are not so sweet.

Our fellow member, J. W. Cooper, is recovering from a pretty severe spell of pneumonia. All members sick should be reported to the General Secretary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary gave a pleasant musical April 20th, at our rooms, which was enjoyed by all who came. Our rooms were full and some money raised for the Auxiliary fund. We are indebted to Misses Upchurch, Gales, Gattis, Mrs. John, Mr. Savage, Prof. Pauli and others for music and readings.

# Young Men's Christian Association

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## STATE CONVENTION.

The State Convention here, April 1—3, was composed of 30 delegates, representing Associations at Bingham's, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Davidson College, Henderson, Newbern, Raleigh, Salisbury, Smithfield and Wilson. State Secretary H. O. Williams wound up his month's work in the State here, and was helped in conducting the Convention by Brothers E. T. Dadnum, General Secretary, Norfolk; R. E. Turner, editor *Christian Voice*, and A. M. Ingham, General Secretary of Charlotte. Though slimly attended by our people on account of the unusual weather, it was the best State Convention we ever had, and marks a good step in advancement along the line of definite work by and for young men. We missed Dr. Hume, Prof. Gore, and C. A. Miller, who had expected to be with us. Some good papers were read and discussed, and \$346 raised for the State work. Brother Williams did good work in the State during the 30 short days he had to work, and the seed he sowed will bear fruit for the Master. Results: Two General Secretaries and three new Associations.

The Ladies' Auxiliary gave a reception at the rooms to delegates, pastors and members, which was a delightful affair and scored another success for our Raleigh ladies.

We were glad to see you all, brethren, and can say we received the greatest blessing by your presence among us. Glad to hear of new zeal in your local fields and to see reports in the *Christian Voice*. Special thanks are due Brothers Dadnum and Turner.

At the farewell meeting an effort was made to raise money for the local work and \$446.00 was subscribed. This sum has grown to \$700.00, and is now being pushed by the committee.

Twelve hundred dollars (or more) is needed by the Raleigh Association to properly prosecute the work for twelve months.

## NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

Louisburg Association just organized, with Mr. Arthur Arrington President. Wishes our General Secretary to help them lay the claims of the work before the people.

While here Brother H. O. Williams went up to Henderson and organized an Association there. It was represented in convention here by W. S. Clary. Let us hear from you.

Brethren of the North Carolina Associations pray for us in Raleigh. Let us pray for one another. Do good work for young men and report it to the Norfolk *Christian Voice* and to the Chicago *Watchman*. Raise a club for each. Between times send the Raleigh *BULLETIN* a postal.

The new Association of Reidsville, N. C., has for its officers: Geo. R. McNeill, President; T. L. Rawley, 1st Vice-President; C. A. Mosely, 2d Vice-President; A. J. Ellington, 3d Vice-President; S. H. Boyd, Secretary, and S. W. Parsley, Treasurer. Forty active and 22 associate members enrolled. A letter from the Secretary says: "We have some excellent material, men whose hearts seem to be in the work. We hope to do much good in our town and ask the earnest prayers of your Association in our behalf." Numbers vi : 24—26.

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At a called meeting, April 5, the largest since reorganizing, Eugene L. Harris was elected General Secretary, at \$75 per month, engagement to date from April 1st.

Our Association is the second in North Carolina to engage a General Secretary, Charlotte being first, having A. M. Ingham. Many thanks for kind greetings, brethren.

The room inspection committee from the Auxiliary pays us a visit occasionally and brings Bennie and the General Secretary back to first principles of dustlessness and straightness.

One of our associate members has had his name changed to the active roll by uniting himself with Edenton Street Methodist Church. God be praised. Isaiah xl : 30—31, and xli : 10—14.

On our Reading Table regularly: *Chicago Journal of Commerce*, N. Y. *Mercantile Journal*, *Sunday School Times*, *The Watchman*, *Christian Voice*, *State Chronicle*, *Blue Ridge Bugle*, *Eastern Reflector*, *Christian Intelligencer*, *Spirit of the Age*, *Popular Science News*, *Orphan's Friend*, *The Guardsman*, *Asheville Advance*, *Journal of Science and Art*, *Art Amateur*, *N. C. Presbyterian*, *Raleigh Christian Advocate*. Besides these many magazines and reviews have been donated. Could not our city and State papers donate a copy each of their publications?

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KEYNOTE of Letter to Ephesians—"In Christ."

## TO THE BUSINESS MEN OF RALEIGH.

APRIL, 1887.

DEAR SIR: Your Y. M. C. Association, in getting actively and definitely to work for young men in Raleigh, desires to lay before you some facts as to progress during a year and as to needs of the work for the year to come. One year ago we numbered 15, and the Constitution requiring special endeavor to benefit young men was neglected. One hundred and thirty-five members have been added. A small gymnasium has been procured, a nice reading room with a dozen or more regular periodicals, a readable library of three hundred volumes, an organ and nicely furnished parlor by efforts of our ladies. Special features in the way of night classes in vocal music, penmanship, etc., are in contemplation. It is the desire of the Association that the regular membership fees shall be devoted to special privileges to be enjoyed by the young men, in the way of magazines, books, and more complete gymnasium, apparatus, etc. A general secretary, a necessary officer in all successful Associations, has been employed for his whole time to overlook the work for young men in Raleigh. New rooms have been leased. We need, for twelve months' work, \$1,200 or more; \$700 of this has been pledged. Successful Associations in other places are considered by business men to be a paying benefit in many ways to the thrift and progress of the town, and undertake themselves the entire expense. In Charlotte, \$1,100 has so been pledged for a similar prosecution of the work, besides \$11,000 on a building fund. Shall we stand by the young men of Raleigh and give them privileges of advancement socially, morally, mentally and physically enjoyed by those of places smaller and less progressive than Raleigh? Considering it in the light of an investment for the sake of the young men of Raleigh, will you not pledge your support to an institution which will do credit to our city, now making such strides toward the highest progress, in all lines?

Truly,

S. D. WAIT,  
A. S. LEE,  
N. B. BROUGHTON,  
C. W. CARTER,  
W. J. YOUNG,  
J. G. BROWN,  
*Committee.*

WHAT has your committee done this month? If you cannot find time to serve on it, please tell the President at once, that he may put some one else on who can and will do the work entrusted to you. Do not be like the church in Sardis.—Rev. 3:1.

WORKERS.—II Tim. 2:15.

## A PROTEST.

Please do not call us the "Y. M. C. A.," or the "Christian Association," but each and every time you speak or write it, the "Young Men's Christian Association." It is a little thing, but it will make a great difference in your own estimate of it and its work and the impression you make on others. Try it.

It is now a settled fact that the Young Men's Christian Association of Charlotte is to have a commodious and a comfortable home of its own. The building site has been purchased, and nearly enough money remains on hand to erect the building. Only \$2,400 is yet lacking, but this deficiency will be made up easily by our citizens. The matter of building a home for the Y. M. C. A. was fully discussed at Mr. Yatman's services at the Tryon Street Methodist Church, and the business was practically settled. At the meeting the sum of \$5,600 was subscribed to the enterprise. The sum of \$4,000 was subscribed during Mr. Pearson's meetings here, so that the total amount now subscribed foots up \$9,600. It will require \$12,000 for the lot and building, so that only \$2,400 remains to be secured. This amount, we feel sure, will be cheerfully given by our citizens.—*Charlotte Chronicle.*

OUT of thirty-two young men of New York City who were examined recently for West Point cadetships, only nine were accepted as physically sound. Such a note might well make the young men of our cities pause for a moment's thought. No man who violates the laws of health can have a healthy body. How few there are who do not study fashion and humor appetite more than they do the laws that pertain to a healthful body. Beer, the cigarette, too much amusement, and the hidden vices, are making havoc with the physical manhood of all our towns and cities.

Young man, if you don't believe the meeting in the parlor Friday night, 8 to 8:45, "for young men only," is a good thing, just come in on time next Friday night and see for yourself. All young men invited.

THERE is no more religion in a funeral than there is in a wedding; no more religion in tears than in smiles. The best men that I have ever known laughed the loudest.—*Moody.*

ALL our citizens invited to inspect our new quarters.

YOUNG man, give yourself to the Lord to-day.

DID you ask God to bless your work to-day?

## MEETINGS.

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